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Docket No. S-94,729
In Response to Office Action dated May 23, 2005

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the courtesy shown by the Office, as evidenced by the Restriction Requirement mailed on May 23, 2005. The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single ultimate species for both the polymer backbone and the functional group, and to identify the elected species and list the claims readable thereon. Accordingly, Applicant elects, with traverse, polyvinylamine as the ultimate polymer backbone species and a diol derivative as the ultimate functional group. Claims 1-43 are readable on these species.

If, any outstanding issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicant's counsel at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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